

WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL



Blue Dukes

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

HOWARD WILLIAM “BILL” HILGENDORF

Class of 1963 - Athlete

Bill Hilgendorf was a three sport athlete, letterman and co-captain of the 1962 Whitefish Bay High School football team that won the Suburban Conference Championship with an 8-0 record. Bill was an all-conference halfback for that team. Bill was also Valedictorian for the Class of 1963 and went on to study at Yale University where he graduated cum laude, majoring in history. Bill was elected to the highest office of his class in his senior year and was voted by his classmates and professors as Outstanding Junior Student.

At the age of 22, Bill slipped and fell 200 feet to his death in a valley near Tai Po, Hong Kong. He was to begin teaching History and English language at the New Asia College under the Yale-in-China teaching program. Yale University established the Howard W. Hilgendorf Memorial Fellowship which provides funding to enable students to conduct independent study and research outside of the United States.

Upon his death, the Bill Hilgendorf Memorial Award was established which is given every year to the senior boy or girl at Whitefish Bay High School who most closely represents the high standards of academics, athletics, leadership and moral character set by Bill. This award has been given every year since 1968.

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JACK NAGLE

Coach

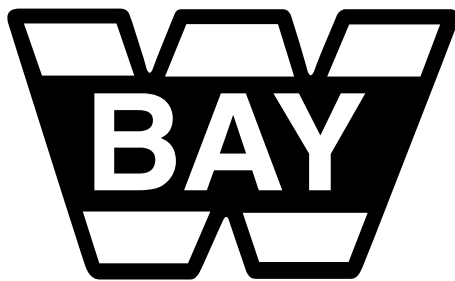
In 1958, after spending five years as basketball coach at Marquette University, Jack Nagle became a teacher and a coach at Whitefish Bay High School. Over the next 30 years, he served the school as an English teacher and the boys' and girls' basketball coach. Jack is fondly remembered for the positive impact he had on his student-athletes on and off the court. He was known as a coach who cared with an influence that went far beyond the basketball floor.

After retiring from coaching the boys' basketball team in 1973, Jack was approached about coaching the girls' basketball team in an era when female athletics was in the pioneer stages. Jack accepted the role and the presence of such a well-respected coach provided validation for girls' athletics at Whitefish Bay High School.

Jack was a coach who held his teams to very high standards and was a great teacher of the fundamentals of the game. He is thought to be the only coach in national basketball history to lead a team to the NCAA tournament as well as lead both a boys' and girls' basketball team to a high school state tournament. Jack was inducted into the first class of the Wisconsin State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

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MARY MANNING

Class of 1981 - Athlete

As an athlete at Whitefish Bay High School, Mary Manning participated in volleyball, cross-country, basketball and track. In basketball, she led the team to conference championships in 1978 and 1979, a sectional championship in 1981, and was named to the All-State team in 1981. She scored over 1000 points in her career. In track, Mary still holds the school records in the shot put and discus. In 1981, she finished first in the state in the discus and second in the shot put. Mary was Co-Valedictorian of her class and earned the Outstanding Junior and Outstanding Senior Girl awards as well as the prestigious Bill Hilgendorf Memorial Award.

After graduating from Whitefish Bay High School, Mary attended the US Air Force Academy where she earned Academic All-American honors in basketball and All-American honors in track and field. Mary graduated in 1985 as a Scholar-Athlete, the top Cadet in engineering and third in the graduation order of merit. Mary served seven years on active duty and fifteen years as a member of the active reserve, spending the last ten years as an instructor at the US Air Force Test Pilot School. Mary was a six-time recipient of the Test Pilot School's Outstanding Instructor Award and retired from the reserves with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

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CRAIG COUNSELL

Class of 1988 - Athlete

After starring at Whitefish Bay High School, Craig Counsell played baseball at the University of Notre Dame, captaining the team his senior year, and graduating with a degree in accounting in 1992. He played in more games than any player in the history of Notre Dame baseball.

Craig was drafted by the Colorado Rockies and played 16 seasons and 1,624 games as a major league baseball player. In 1997 he scored the winning run in the 7th game of the World Series with the Florida Marlins. In 2001 he was named the National League Championship Series MVP and later helped the Arizona Diamondbacks defeat the New York Yankees in a memorable World Series.

Craig played 6 seasons and 711 games with the Milwaukee Brewers. He played a valuable role on Brewer teams that made the playoffs in 2008 and 2011. He retired after the 2011 season. He was a fan favorite everywhere he played for his humble nature, his dedication to the community and his versatile play.

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CHET WANGERIN

Coach

Chet Wangerin was the first male teacher ever hired by the Whitefish Bay School District in 1930 and he was also Bay's first Athletic Director in the newly formed Suburban Conference in 1932. He held both positions until his retirement in 1967. Chet was also a highly successful coach of the boys' high school track and field teams from 1935 to 1957. From the early 1940's to the late 1950's, Whitefish Bay dominated the track scene under his tutelage. Chet's teams won fifteen conference championships, thirteen conference relay titles and two conference indoor titles. His athletes broke twelve state records and fourteen conference records. His greatest achievement was leading the Dukes to sixteen-straight State Class B (Division 2) titles from 1937-1952. This accomplishment currently ranks third in the nation among the longest consecutive high school state championship streaks.

A 1921 graduate of the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, Chet was a 1990 inductee into the program's Athletic Hall of Fame in football, men's gymnastics, men's swimming and diving, and men's track and field. In addition, Chet is a member of the Wisconsin Track Coaches Hall of Fame, class of 1990.

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SHELDON B. LUBAR

Class of 1947 - Distinguished Contributor

Sheldon B. Lubar, who attended Cumberland School and graduated from Whitefish Bay High School in the class of 1947, made the final and most generous contribution in the community-wide campaign to renovate the high school athletic field. His contribution helped provide the community one of the finest high school stadium facilities in Wisconsin. The impact of the stadium has been great on both school athletic accomplishment and community spirit.

Sheldon has had a most distinguished career holding leadership positions in business, government, civic affairs, and philanthropic initiatives. His public service has included Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, Director of the Federal National Mortgage Association, and Commissioner of the White House Conference on Small Business. He performed this service under three Presidents.

His family recognized the very essence and quality of the community of Whitefish Bay when they moved here, as so many families do, for the express purpose of gaining access to exceptional public education offerings. In turn, Sheldon is widely recognized for his commitment to improving public education in Wisconsin at all levels, including service as President of the University of Wisconsin System - Board of Regents.

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RANDY DEAN

Class of 1973 - Athlete

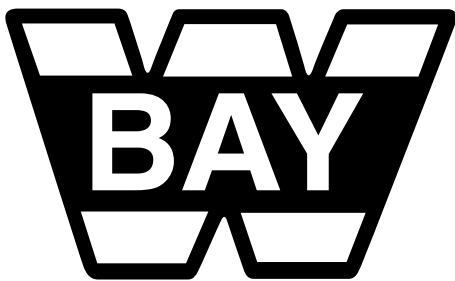
Randy Dean starred in both basketball and football at Whitefish Bay High School and was named 1st Team All-State as a quarterback in 1972. Randy attended Northwestern University as a walk-on with his twin brother Rob. After their freshmen year, both were awarded football scholarships. Randy was the starting quarterback for his junior and senior seasons and was also the punter for three seasons. Randy was an Academic All-American and was a quarterback for the East team in the 1977 East-West Shrine All-Star Game.

In 1976, Randy and Rob both played on the US Olympic Handball team which finished in tenth place at the Montreal Olympics. Randy was the co-leading scorer for the US team and 8th overall scorer with twenty-four goals. Randy was drafted in the 5th round of the 1977 NFL draft by the New York Giants for whom he played for three seasons.

Randy continued to impact high school sports in his various roles as Director of Development, Athletic Director and Boys Basketball Coach at University School of Milwaukee from 1996-2008. Randy is currently the Executive Director of the Pettit National Ice Center.

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BOB BRADLEY

Coach

Bob Bradley graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1960 and then played football at both Southern Colorado University and the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Bob taught Physical Education and Health at Whitefish Bay High School for thirty years from 1968 until 1999. In his early years at Bay, Bob coached boys' gymnastics, swimming and track and field. During the 1970's and 1980's, Bob operated a gymnastics club which helped fuel the exponential growth in gymnastics throughout the North Shore.

Bob coached girls' gymnastics at Whitefish Bay High School from 1986 to 1999. During that time, his teams won nine conference championships, three state championships and finished second in state twice. In that span, Bay gymnasts won thirteen individual state championships. Most impressively, Bob built a program which emphasized the development of home grown gymnasts.

Bob helped form the Wisconsin Gymnastics Coaches Association and was recognized for his leadership and coaching excellence by being the first inductee into the Wisconsin Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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